Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0056] with the following amended paragraph:

[0056] When the lid 73 is in its closed position and the user rotates the handle 110 from its unlocked position to its locked position, the ring section 111 rotates, and the cam surfaces 116 engage the bottom surfaces of the cam projections 178 to cam the pod carrier 150 in an upward direction. As the pod carrier 150 moves upward, the outer rim 196 of the top coffee pod 180 in the second pod receiving area 174 is sandwiched or captured between the shelf 194 and the seal [[196]] 96. This helps to clamp the pod to prevent it from moving, and to prevent hot water from the discharge head 66 from passing around the outer side of the top pod 180 without passing through the pod. Referring also to Figs. 16 and 17, as the pod carrier 150 moves upward by the camming action of the ring member 98, the seal 96 is vertically compressed and expands or deforms in an outward direction. As the seal 96 expands outwardly, it engages the sealing surface 190 on the inner side of the perimeter wall 186 at the second receiving area 174. This seals the pod carrier frame 166 with the hot water discharge head 66 such that water discharged from the discharge head 66 must pass through the second pod receiving area 174 in order to exit through the mesh screen 168. The seal 96 also helps to clamp the rim 196 against the surface 194 to hold the rim in a stationary position. However, the sealing action is provided between the surface 190 (or 188) and the head 66 by the seal 96.